

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2869 - SB 2839**

February 21, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates an exception to the current Class C misdemeanor offense of hunting over bait if the bait was present on the land for any amount of time immediately preceding the person commencing hunting and the land has not been posted with a notice by a Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) officer that the field is baited and hunting is prohibited.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Revenue - \$700/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years/  
Wildlife Resources Fund**

**Decrease Local Revenue – Exceeds \$6,800/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years**

**Assumptions:**

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 70-4-113, it is currently illegal for any person to make use of bait, including any grain, or mixture of any ingredients, used as or for food purposes, for the purpose of killing, injuring, or capturing any bird or animals protected by the wildlife laws of this state, except as otherwise expressly provided.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 70-6-103, a penalty for violation of this restriction is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor, and carries a civil fine of \$50.
- Of such fine revenue, \$5 is paid to the TWRA and the remaining \$45 is assumed to be distributed to the respective court clerk.
- Based on information from the TWRA, over the past years, there has been an average of 135 citations per year.
- There will be a recurring decrease in citation revenue of \$6,750 (135 citations x \$50).
- A recurring decrease in state revenue to the Wildlife Resources Fund of \$675 (135 x \$5).
- A recurring decrease in local revenue of \$6,075 (135 x \$45).
- Additionally, local court revenue will decrease as a result on court fee reductions. It is unknown the exact amount of court fees collected; therefore, it is assumed the decrease in local revenue will exceed \$6,750.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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